GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3398
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CABLE OPERATORS
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether only one cable operator is being allowed to function in a specific area for showing the programmes of TV channels in that area;

(b) if so, the details of guidelines in this regard;

(c) if not, how many cable operators can function in one specific area; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to regulate the monopoly of cable operators in their respective areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (d): Under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, there is no restriction on the number of cable operators in a specific area.